

oath/declaration filed on January 15, 2004, fulfilled this requirement by identifying, on the second page, the foreign application on which priority is claimed, namely United Kingdom Application No. 9930693.8, filed on December 24, 1999. For this reason, the Examiner's rejection based on a defective reissue oath/declaration should be withdrawn.

Nevertheless, for the sole purpose of expediting the prosecution, Applicant hereby submits a Second Supplemental Reissue Declaration, claiming foreign priority to United Kingdom Application No. 9930693.8, filed December 24, 1999. Thus, even if the Examiner does not agree with Applicant's reasoning above, the Second Supplemental Reissue Declaration filed herewith should overcome the Examiner's rejection based on a defective reissue oath/declaration.

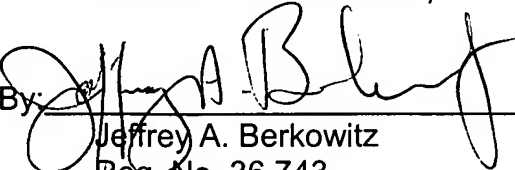
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application. Upon indication by the Examiner that the reissue application is otherwise in condition for allowance, Applicant will surrender the original patent as well as the original certificate of correction.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Second Supplemental Reissue Declaration